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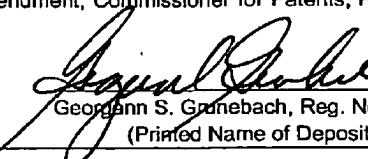
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Re: Serial No. 09/676,889

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Please find attached:

- > Response to Office Action dated September 28, 2004 (30 pages)
- > Transmittal Letter for Amendment (1 page)

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Docket No. PD-200018
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert G. Arsenault, et al.
Serial No. 09/676,889
Filed: October 2, 2000
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING
UNIFIED PROGRAM GUIDE INFORMATION TO A
MEDIA SUBSCRIBER

Date: December 21, 2004
Group Art Unit: 2611
Examiner: Kieu Oanh T. Bui

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

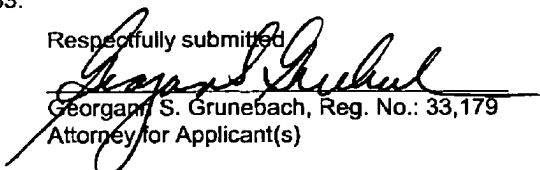
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

		CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER	PRESENT			ADDITIONAL	
AFTER AMENDMENT		PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE		FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	31	minus	31*	=	0 x \$ 18.00	\$	00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	minus	6**	=	0 x \$ 86.00	\$	00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0 + \$ 290.00	\$	00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$	00.00

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

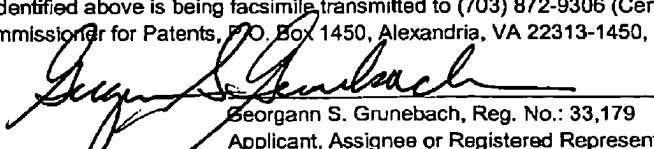
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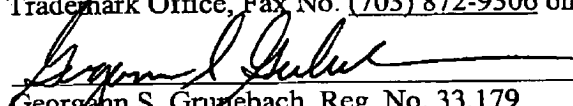
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.